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UNDER-SECRETARY PREBISCH HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN
HEADQUARTERS WEDNESDAY, MAY 23. UN OPI PRESS RELEASE
QUOTED BELOW:

QUOTE: RAUL PREBISCH

DR. RAUL PREBISCH, WHO IS HEADING THE EMERGENCY OPERATION
FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT
ECONOMIC CRISIS AS STIPULATED IN THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION
RESOLUTION, BRIEFED CORRESPONDENTS ON HIS MISSION.

HE REPORTED HE HAS TAKEN THE JOB FOR 12 MONTHS WITH DEEP
CONVICTION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS OPERATION. AS
A FORMER SG OF UNCTAD HE GREETED THE RESOLUTION WITH
"GREAT SATISFACTION," AND BELIEVES IT INCORPORATES IDEAS
WITH WHICH THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAS STRUGGLED FOR YEARS.
THE IDEAS REFLECT A DEEP SENSE OF MORAL OBLIGATION ON THE
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PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER, DEEP

URGENT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD DR. PREBISCH SAID HE WOULD LEAVE ON A TRIP SATURDAY, MAY 24 FOR 12-13 DAYS TO TALK WITH UNCTAD OFFICIALS IN GENEVA, WITH EEC OFFICIALS, FIRST IN BONN THEN BRUSSELS TO GET THEIR VIEWS. THEN HE WILL GO TO ALGIERS, TRIPOLI, BAGHDAD, KUWAIT, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ, IRAN. THIS IS JUST THE FIRST LEG OF HIS TRIPS, AND HE WILL GO TO OTHER COUNTRIES SOON AFTER. HE SAID THESE COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR WERE SELECTED AS A BEGINNING BECAUSE OF THEIR INITIAL INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM, BUT EXPECTS TO GO TO JAPAN, VENEZUELA, CANADA AND OTHERS.

HE DESCRIBED THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO EEC BECAUSE THEY HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL COOPERATE IN THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM. HE WILL GET THEIR VIEWS ON HOW THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE.

DR. PREBISCH SAID HE HAS TALKED WITH EDWARD MARTIN OF THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID IT WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL DISCUSSION, BUT PART OF "INFORMING MYSELF." HE BELIEVES THAT THE US RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH IT WAS REJECTED BECAUSE IT CAME TOO LATE, WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE AND THAT THE TARGET OF FOUR BILLION DOLLARS SET IN IT WAS VERY MEANINGFUL. HE BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF THIS THE US WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM. HE BELIEVES THE RESOLUTION WAS A CLEAR EXPRESSION OF THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO THE PROBLEM.

HE BELIEVES THE OVERALL TOTAL OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE CIRCULATING, BUT NO FIXED SUM HAS BEEN TABLED YET; IT IS BEING WORKED ON UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR-THE LOWEST FIGURE CIRCULATING IS ONE BILLION DOLLARS; AND THE HIGHEST WHICH WOULD TAKE IN THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE DEVELOPING WORLD MIGHT ADD UP TO EIGHT TO 10 BILLION, BUT NOW ONLY THE HARDEST HIT COUNTRIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

THE LIST OF COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IS BEING WORKED ON.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD ASSUMED THE JOB BECAUSE HE FEELS IT A MORAL DUTY AND BECAUSE THERE IS A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS ABROAD IN THE WORLD. HE IS NEITHER OPTIMISTIC OR PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME AT THIS TIME.

THE MORAL IMPERATIVE BEHIND THE ASSEMBLY ACTION IS CLEAR IN HIS VIEW. HE BELIEVES THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES IN

THE WORLD ARE LINKED TOGETHER AND THAT INTER-DEPENDENCE
HAS NOW BEEN RECOGNIZED.

THE LIST OF COUNTRIES HARDEST HIT WILL BE WORKED OUT BASED
ON THE ECONOMIC CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE ASSEMBLY
AND NOT ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, HE STRESSED.

DR. PREBISCH SAID IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION THAT HE EXPECTS
TO EXPLORE THE MATTER ALSO WITH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
AND POSSIBLY WITH CHINA.

HE SAID THE ONLY SPECIFIC REACTION TO THE SG'S APPEAL
FOR THE FUND SO FAR HAS BEEN SWEDEN, AND IT WAS A BILATERAL
OFFER. HE SAID BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
WILL BE WELCOME. HE DOES NOT YET KNOW HOW MUCH MULTILATERAL
OR BILATERAL THERE WOULD BE IN SPECIFIC TERMS.

IT WILL BE THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SG TO DECIDE
WHO GETS WHAT AND HOW MUCH.

HE SAID THE 36 MEMBER AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL FUNCTION IN
AN ADVISORY RATHER THAN MANAGING CAPACITY. UNQUOTE.
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